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## Bonds beyond family



by Susan Beckett  
Publisher

The lucky among us have experienced the deep love of at least one parent. Whatever our parenting experience was, we are sure to reflect on it during May and June as advertisements abound with come-ons for perfect presents for Mother's and Father's Day. Watching people perusing the selections of Mother's and Father's Day cards can be difficult for those whose parents can no longer receive or appreciate our expressions of love for them, and for those who were never fortunate enough to have loving parental relationships.

As we deal with loss and heal, we learn to find love around us. We form families with our friends and reach out to others who touch our hearts.

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Groundcover News vendors tell me about customers who have asked the vendors to call them occasionally in winter so they could reassure themselves of the vendor's well-being when they hadn't seen them for a while. They tell me about customers who have them over for holiday meals with their families, who help them move, who make sure they're warm. They tell me about customers who got them Christmas presents and drove around with the presents in their cars until they finally spotted the vendor-recipient in April when the weather broke and they could deliver them. They often refer to these customers as their friends.

What I hear when they tell me these things, is that they feel cared for, special to someone. Thank you for reaching out like this and creating family within our community. Though there is no Hallmark day for it, you are appreciated all year long as your expressions of love resonate with those who need it most. Let every bird chirp, spring flower blossom and sunny day renew you and fill you with the love you have so generously shared.

## Shelter needed in every season

Elizabeth S. Kurtz, aka "Lit"  
Groundcover Vendor #158

The decision to extend the Warming Center has been applauded by many, though I have often heard comments such as, "At least it's not cold in the spring." What many fail to realize is that warmth is only one factor.

Any camping trip will let you know that insects are not kind to people living outdoors. Last year, I struggled along with many of my friends to find relief from the lesions and tiny bumps brought on by insect bites, particularly from the swarms of nocturnal mosquitoes who welcome human skin as one of their choices of sustenance. And then

## AATA expansion good for everyone

by Susan Beckett

Young professionals in high-demand fields evaluate their potential new communities as they decide which employment opportunity they will select. Businesses locate where they can find talent. Unlike most of Michigan, Ann Arbor makes a good showing on both counts, due in large part to the walkability of the city, its vibrancy, and the availability of public transportation.

However, when compared to cities like Chicago, Austin, Boulder, Seattle and much of the east coast, it becomes obvious that not owning a car here more greatly limits housing, shopping, recreation and entertainment options than it does in other high-tech areas. If the Ann Arbor area is to continue attracting and retaining high-growth businesses, it needs to continue investing in full-service public transportation in the region.

Doing so will allow more people to work odd shifts, stay out and party knowing they can get home safely, live in places they can afford, and have choices about where they shop. Roads

and parking lots will be less congested. It will stimulate growth at all levels of the economic ladder and enhance our quality of life.

For our business, expanded bus service would enable Groundcover transactions to take place in more areas beyond downtown Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor, and be available more on weekend mornings and evenings. Customer convenience and our capacity for workers both increase.

The current plan may not be perfect, and perhaps the AATA could trim its management costs, but as Voltaire warned, the best is the enemy of the good. The aspiration to link nearby cities by rail has been put off for 30 years awaiting the perfect plan. Bus routes and schedules can be adjusted as needed. There is a need *now* for service to more places throughout the evening and on weekends.

For more information on the **May 6 ballot measure**, visit our website, [www.groundcovernews.org](http://www.groundcovernews.org).



there are the ants who like to find their way into one's campground, and from what I've heard, they invite their friends and are not willing to leave when asked.

Even when the weather is warm, the risks to human life are enormous when

living outdoors. The ever-present threat of an assault is always foremost on one's mind when sleeping outdoors. Any individual, but particularly a woman, has an increased risk of being the victim of assault.

The weather, of course, brings its own set of problems. Rainy nights bring soaked tents and drenched clothing. The sun, though enjoyed by sunbathers, can be a source of peril for those who cannot escape the high temperatures that accompany it. Windy nights and tornado warnings strike fear in the souls of people living outside.

Bathroom use is a constant struggle. From wearing adult diapers to carrying urinals, there are no easy answers.

The Warming Center allows people to be indoors during one fraction of the year. The remaining months can take an exacting toll and should always be considered when dealing with human life.

**Welfare Simulation correction:** In our March issue, we erroneously stated that the welfare simulation was produced by the Ginsberg Center. In fact, it was *not* put on by the Ginsberg Center, but by the **Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice (ICPJ)** for the Ginsberg Center. ICPJ has put these simulations on for many different groups (Headstart and WIC conferences, college classes, high school students, social service agencies, public and charter school staff, congregations, etc.) since 1996.

## Patients dumped?

Dear Editor,

Reports are currently surfacing that indigent patients from other areas are now being dumped into our community. While this may not be technically illegal, leaving these marginalized people to be dealt with by our own local support agencies is clearly unethical. This type of abuse by far-away institutions should be ended as soon as possible!

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## Found voice



by **Rev. Dr. Martha Brunell**  
**Groundcover Contributor**

She was different from the other teachers we had in earlier grades. For starters, she hadn't been at the school forever. That school year – when I was in the sixth grade, and President Kennedy was shot, and the Beatles came to the Ed Sullivan Show – was her first year at Herman Avenue School. She was considerably younger than the other teachers there and she was Roman Catholic. I don't remember a teacher's religion ever being a topic of conversation before that year, but I did know that Mrs. Dec was Catholic. That identification was a bigger issue in 1963-64.

She had taught in a tough urban school across the state before coming to us. I had to get used to her classroom manner. Her ways seemed harsh and critical at first. She did what she knew well, but we were a very different group of children, on the right side of town, in a much smaller community, well past its prime and glory days.

We were getting ready for Fathers' Night, an annual evening open house for fathers who worked during the day. The name assumed that all mothers were free to drop into school while it was in session. It turns out that my parents, who both taught, were in the reverse situation. My mother, a high school history teacher, was unavailable throughout the school day. My father, a college professor, had lots of flexibility in the hours he could show up at school. I might have been the only kid in the class whose mother was an attendee at Fathers' Night.

There was always a flurry of activity in preparation for the open house. This particular year, Miss Becker, our unpleasant art teacher, gave us large sheets of pink paper. Our assignment was to draw an imaginary animal. The critter I created was a whale with short legs and big wings. After our colorful creations were done, they were pinned up on the bulletin board where all our fathers

would see them. Then Miss Becker went up to the bulletin board with her large black crayon, like the ones butchers used then to mark packets of meat, and she proceeded to correct our drawings. I have never forgotten the violation I felt as she "improved on" the products of our imagination.

Although I was well-behaved and an excellent student at school, I marched up to the bulletin board, ripped my pink page off the wall (since it was no longer my drawing), crumpled it up, and threw it in the waste basket. I didn't know what to do next. This was not customary behavior for me. And so I ran out of the room, down the hall and found sanctuary in the girls' bathroom.

Our classroom teachers always had a break during art class. When Mrs. Dec returned to the classroom, she set out to find me. She discovered me still in the girls' bathroom. She looked at me and said, "What Miss Becker did was wrong. You had every right to throw that drawing away."

In that moment 50 years ago, I learned the importance of sounding your own voice, of giving expression to what you see and want to share. That finding and sounding of voice has remained with me throughout my life personally and professionally. Much of what I say and write, and how I lead, reflects over and over the critical nature of claiming and protecting what we authentically know. Groundcover News is many things for me. One of the most important is that it is a safe and open space for many voices to be heard and to be offered widely. I am glad for each and every one of those voices.

Last I checked via internet, my sixth-grade teacher, Mrs. Dec, was still alive in the town where I grew up in upstate New York. It's time I thanked her for that precious gift offered to me in the bathroom of an elementary school so long ago. As this column is emailed to Ann Arbor, another is on its way to her. Thanking her, I also thank you – the various voices, determined and hesitant, familiar and strange, serious and funny, occasional and often heard, that speak in and beyond the Groundcover News community.

## The speech I wish Obama would give

by **Keagan Irrer**  
**Groundcover Contributor**

America has seen dark times before. Our very birth as a nation was at one point nothing more than a wild fantasy concocted by a group of idealistic dreamers – but against all odds, we made it happen. Soon after, we nearly tore ourselves apart as a nation over the issue of slavery. It seemed at one time that there was no way that half the nation could survive without the forced labor of others, and that our country would never again be united – but against all odds, we made it happen. When we faced the greatest economic crisis in our nation's history, many feared we were doomed – but against all odds, we rose again. When we were threatened by the hatred and bigotry of segregation, many said that integration was a distant dream, but we made it happen. Less than a century after the end of slavery, Nazi Germany under Hitler rose to be a seemingly indomitable power, poised to take over the world. They were an evil that many said could not be stopped – but against all odds, we made it happen. When Soviet Russia rose after the Second World War to become the new global threat to freedom, many said they, too, could not be brought down – but we made it happen.

I say we, because as a nation, we accomplished all of that – and I believe we could do it again, if needed, because we are Americans. We accomplish what others say is impossible, and it has led us to become the greatest nation on earth.

But it will not remain that way for long if we do not take action. We are faced with yet another crisis. But this time, there is no enemy to meet on the field of battle. The threat is not from outside our nation, but from within. Sometimes great nations are not toppled by feats of arms, but by lack of vigilance towards their internal affairs as they endure the slow and steady decay of time. So it was with ancient Rome; so it is with America today. We face the prospect of decline, of no longer being the city on a hill, a shining light and beacon of hope for the rest of the world to gaze upon in wonder.

We have become a nation where luck and birth, not merit, determine one's place in life. We have developed a new aristocracy, similar to the oppressive one we so despised in colonialist Britain. Long ago, we decided that we would become a nation where hard work and talent determined your place in life, giving everybody the chance for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. But we are currently failing in that goal. We continue to favor a highly privileged upper class at the expense of the middle and lower classes, and that

has created a new and oppressive oligarchy in America. Our money says "In God we Trust," and this is appropriate, because money has become our national god. If our government continues to worship at the altar of the almighty dollar, our nation will collapse.

I speak today for the single mother working two minimum-wage jobs trying to make ends meet. I speak today for the small business owner working 80-hour weeks, trying to get a new business off the ground. I speak today for the recent college graduate, stuck with tens of thousands of dollars of debt and no job. These people deserve a break. America deserves a break, and needs one. It is in our best national interest that every citizen of our great nation has the tools to realize his or her potential. Every business that goes unfounded for lack of resources or unfair competition, every child that goes uneducated for lack of funds, every person that dies due to a preventable illness is not only a tragedy on the personal level, but a squandered resource and a detriment to our nation.

We have the resources at our fingertips; all that is lacking is the political will to extract them. I do not wish to declare war on the wealthy or on businesses, but we as Americans have a sacred duty to help our fellow countrymen, especially those who have not been as fortunate as ourselves. I would ask that the wealthy and profitable corporations make contributions towards that end.

A strong middle class is what has enabled our nation to survive this long. Unbridled capitalism inevitably breeds inequality and erodes the middle class; we need an institution that will correct this and provide a path to the middle class for anyone willing to work hard and take advantage of the opportunities they're given. Too often, people fear government expansion; to that I say, make your government fear *you*. Vote on Election Day, become politically active and informed, do your duty as a citizen, and we as a people will elect representatives who will not allow government overreach to happen. We still, in theory, have a government of the people, by the people, and for the people; the reins of government are in our collective lap, we need only seize them and we can take the power back from the plutocrats and oligarchs that have taken over.

One characteristic that has distinguished our nation throughout its history is our idealism, our ability to work towards a common good. I would ask that we tap into that spirit of cooperation and goodwill once more, with malice towards none, and charity toward all, and become a land of opportunity for everyone again.

## Sundays to Savor

Water Hill Music Festival, May 4, 2-6 p.m. Programs at the 600 block of Miner St. and online at [waterhill.org](http://waterhill.org)

The Swami Beyondananda, cosmic comedian Steve Bhaerman, headlines an evening of fall equinox FUNdraising for Groundcover News, September 21.



## The Corner Health Center: a place where people really care

by Sue Budin  
Groundcover Contributor

One morning, a teenager came to the Corner Health Center with an upper respiratory infection. It turned out that she was having an asthma attack. A nurse gave her two breathing treatments and, when it was discovered that she hadn't eaten in several days, gave her some food. The girl had no insurance or money for medication. The Corner covered the cost and helped her sign up for insurance. She left with another appointment scheduled and a bag of groceries from their food pantry. This is typical of the compassionate care the Corner gives their patients.

The Corner Health Center is currently housed in a renovated historic building on Huron Street in Ypsilanti. It began in 1981 in the old Ypsilanti High School because of the recognition of higher teen pregnancy rates in eastern Washtenaw County. Their mission was to provide teens not only with information on birth control but also with comprehensive health care onsite. Once the public schools decided not to offer birth control services, the Corner Health Center moved so that they could continue to offer these services. Their new center opened in 1987 and they have been expanding it ever since. Walking down the warmly colored hallways, I looked at examination rooms and offices with Monique Selimos, health educator, and met some of the other staff. I was impressed by their commitment to making the center as welcoming as possible.

The Corner serves youth ages 12-21. There are no income limits, either high or low. They charge on a sliding scale but turn no one away. Clients are asked to pay 10 percent of the cost of the visit. As in the situation described above, they will help someone apply for insurance, often Medicaid, especially since new legislation in Michigan allows many more people to qualify. The Corner pays \$76 of the cost for a visit because even after Medicaid coverage, there is still a gap in cost. Anyone, including those who live outside Washtenaw County, is eligible for their services.

Of course, this coverage and many of their other services require outside funding sources. Funders include, among many others, United Way, The Washtenaw County Public Health Department, The Ann Arbor Community Foundation, private donors, and fundraising events.

The Corner's services include general and reproductive health care, pediatric health care for clients' children (including immunizations), mental health services, support groups for parents, classes on childbirth preparation,



The Corner Health Center provides services to adolescents and their babies.

breastfeeding, safe sleep and parenting, fitness and nutrition groups, and referrals to other agencies. They believe in using an "Integrated Care" model in which all health providers of the patient look at her total needs – physical, emotional, economic and social – to come up with a treatment plan. They meet daily as a team to review cases before appointments and come up with a plan that looks at the whole person.

It is often discovered that what may appear on the surface as a purely physical problem may have emotional components, as well. Patients may also struggle because of limited income, homelessness and abuse. Staff is very mindful of the stigma attached to mental health issues. So in the context of a physical exam, this subject can be broached with sensitivity and awareness once the problem is discovered and the patient is assured that all medical records are confidential.

Community Support and Treatment Services provides one social worker and the Corner hires another. They both work with patients to help them connect with other services in the community. Through a partnership with the University of Michigan graduate medical education program, a psychiatrist comes one day each week to see clients. All of this care is given in the same building, facilitating treatment for clients with transportation challenges. Medical staff from St. Joe's also provides needed health services.

The Corner also houses an office of the Maternal and Infant Health Program, a Medicaid-funded program that provides nursing, social work and nutritional counseling to pregnant women and parents. This is, again, an on-site program, eliminating the need to travel to other agencies. The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) – another federally-funded program that provides

workshops engage youth in discussions of the topics that were presented.

The Corner's Youth Leadership Council provides leadership training and development of advocacy skills. Last year, the Council created a public service announcement on bullying prevention. This coming year, the Council will be creating an assessment tool that will be given to patients on "youth friendliness" at the Corner. Plans are also in the works to invite three young people to be on the Corner's board. Staff firmly believe that youth voices need to be heard in determining ongoing and future services and policies.

Staff at the Corner know the importance of making strong ties with the community. Last September, more than 400 community members came out for "Rock the Block," organized by their Youth Leadership Council and agencies serving youth in Ypsilanti. There were performances, food, activities and information. They will be rocking again this year and everyone is invited.

At a recent meeting of national health care experts, The Corner was cited as an "avant-garde" adolescent health care center, a model that sets the standard for other clinics in the delivery of services to this age group. We are very fortunate to have them so close.

For more information on the Corner Health Center, check out their website, [www.cornerhealth.org](http://www.cornerhealth.org).

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## Save money with supportive housing

by Keagan Irrer  
Groundcover Contributor

It turns out that the simple, obvious solution to homelessness – simply providing housing at low or no cost – is also the most effective and cost-efficient one. It costs more to keep a homeless person on the streets, where they often frequent emergency rooms and jails, than it does to simply give them affordable housing, according to a study conducted by Philip Mangano – homelessness policy czar under George W. Bush – and a study conducted by the state of Utah. Programs around the country have been effective at getting people off the streets and out of ERs and into cheap or free housing.

However, housing alone often leaves several problems unaddressed. Many unhoused people have a substance abuse problem, disability, or mental illness, and require further support beyond mere housing.

The solution, which communities around the country are discovering, is *supportive housing* – affordable housing coupled with support services such as counseling for substance abuse or mental illnesses, job training, job search assistance, child care and so forth. Many governments have implemented supportive housing projects, and they have been a resounding success.

Utah has reduced homelessness by 78 percent in eight years, and is on track to eliminate homelessness by 2015, according to [shanj.org](http://shanj.org). The state started giving away apartments, and assigned each person a caseworker to help them become self-sufficient. Given Utah's conservative politics, it may come as a bit of a surprise that they did this, but they did the research, crunched the numbers, and then created policy based on hard data. If it can happen in a state as conservative as Utah, then it can happen anywhere.

There are also several supportive housing programs in the city of New York. Most of them target specific groups, such as Medicaid users, people with

HIV/AIDS, or veterans, but there are a few general supportive housing programs for those who don't fall under any of those categories. The city also has something called the Supportive Housing Loan Program, which provides financing for nonprofits that want to provide supportive housing. The programs have been a success; in 2005, the city's landmark NY/NYIII Agreement committed the city to creating 9,000 supportive housing units over 10 years – nearly 7,000 of which had been created as of 2011 – saving New York City taxpayers an estimated \$10,100 per tenant, per year, according to [shnny.org](http://shnny.org).

And locally, there's Avalon Housing in Ann Arbor. They're a nonprofit that seeks to provide supportive housing for low-income residents of Washtenaw County. The housing is low-cost rather than free, but is still offered at a significant discount. For example, with Avalon's new Pauline apartments, "fair market" rents would range from \$760-1,232, depending on the size of the apartment in question, whereas Avalon is making them available for \$270-870. Overall, Avalon is home to more than 400 people in 260 apartments scattered across Ann Arbor.

There is an opportunity to build on the success of Avalon. A resolution will be considered at the June 2 Ann Arbor City Council meeting to designate approximately \$3 million from the sale of development rights on the downtown library lot towards supportive housing. Local advocates are urging supporters to attend the council meeting and arrive by 6:30 to ensure seating.

Supportive housing has proven to be an effective means of ending or mitigating homelessness. Policy makers can find successes beyond those listed here; supportive housing saves the taxpayers money, but even more importantly restores dignity, stability and hope for a segment of the population that is all-too-often lacking in those areas. Governments everywhere should be encouraged to make the correct choice and implement supportive housing.



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HAWC is a program of The Salvation Army in Washtenaw County in partnership with Interfaith Hospitality Network at Alpha House, The Shelter Association of Washtenaw County, SOS, Housing Bureau for Seniors, Ozone House, Michigan Ability Partners, SafeHouse Center, Washtenaw County OCED, and the Washtenaw Housing Alliance.

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## Vendor Week lesson: "It was very cold out"

by Lauren Halperin  
U-M Student Contributor

International Street Paper Vendor Week was February 4-10. The Groundcover student group decided that, to celebrate this time of the year, each student would shadow a vendor for a day to help him or her sell, get them coffee, and really just give them some company. I had the pleasure of working with Michael, vendor #163.

I met Michael in front of the Groundcover office. We started our journey on Main Street near Starbucks, went in to get some hot coffee, and then walked a couple blocks after a small altercation over territory with another vendor.

Once we ventured those couple of blocks, we stopped where the sunlight could still reach us between the buildings. Sun was a very sought-after commodity on this cold February afternoon.

The cold weather offers myriad issues for vendors. People will walk out of an establishment, put their hood on, earphones in, and scarf up to their eyes, determined to get to their next destination as quickly and warmly as possible. This leaves no time to stop and inquire about a \$1 donation for a newspaper for



The author and Michael, seated together during Vendor Week in frigid February.

which this person is then going to have to sacrifice a hand out of their pocket to hold on the way home.

However, Michael was determined. With a smile on his face, he inquired to every person walking by, "Have you read the new issue of Groundcover?"

He was informed about the stories

inside, which allowed him to use that as a selling point to potential customers. He would even playfully use me as a way to gain the attention of passing crowds saying, "She writes for them! She's a great writer!" A smart move, if I do say so myself.

Going into Vendor Week, I was expecting to write about the trials of a Groundcover vendor, the harsh winters and even harsher rejections. After selling with Michael that day, however, I realized a lesson that I truly have tried to apply to my own stresses and hardships: it's all about the attitude. The faces you see selling Groundcover News papers are happy to be out there; they understand that when you hear a "No, thank you," that person may have somewhere else to be and would love to stop but simply does not have the time.

As Michael pointed out to me after standing out in the cold for hours with 30 newspapers under his arm and not going home until he had sold all of them, "Not everyone has time to stop and chat, and it IS very cold out today."



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## Rare butterfly frequents Michigan

by Rob Hughes  
Groundcover Contributor

The Mitchell's Satyr Butterfly is one of the world's rarest butterflies and may be found here in Washtenaw County. Named by G. H. French in honor of Professor J. N. Mitchell from the University of Michigan in 1889, this butterfly depends on swampy wetlands and their plants for its survival. It is a small butterfly with a wingspan of about an inch.

These wetlands, called fens, were never very numerous and with the advent of modern civilization are under constant threat of development. In addition to

the direct destruction of the ecosystems the butterfly needs for survival, it faces indirect threats. In some instances water flow is altered enough to upset the fen's delicate pH balance, eliminating the sedges the butterfly depends on for survival. In other cases, non-native species replace the native foliage the butterfly eats.

The Mitchell's Satyr Butterfly starts life in the summer with a female butterfly laying her eggs in the fen. When those eggs hatch, the emerging caterpillar goes through three molts before winter sets in. At that time, this amazing creature goes into a hibernation period under the snow.

When spring returns, the caterpillar goes through two more molts to finally emerge as a Mitchell's Satyr Butterfly. In this, its final form, it has just three short weeks to find a mate, reproduce and lay eggs before it dies. It lives its entire life in only a small portion of the fen where it was born.

The butterfly is found in the lower 50 miles or so of Michigan, along the southern Michigan border from Toledo to Lake

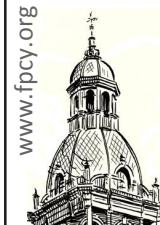
Michigan. In this area, there are only 13 known fens that meet the butterfly's needs. It is also found in a couple of

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- Loud sound
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- Luminous circles
- Distant
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- Statement of innocence
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- Fruit
- Tea
- Shoe width
- NASCAR driver Jarrett
- Ship's designation (abbr.)
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- Carmine
- Rose part
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- Prepare a salad
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- Town in Denmark
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- Floor covering
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- Greedy one
- Actor Duryea
- Desert plant
- Famous battle site
- Preparation
- Albert Einstein's wife
- \_\_\_\_\_ water
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- Cut
- Flooded
- Debtor
- Legwear

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- "4 food groups:" chocolate, coffee, cheese, \_\_\_\_\_
- "Hearts \_\_\_\_\_," 1990s sitcom
- Water nymph
- Facial expression
- Best suited

Fruit salad

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- Davy Jones's locker
- Basilica feature
- Den furniture
- Bill \_\_\_\_\_ and His Comets
- Beverage
- Sedimentary rock
- "\_\_\_\_\_ Concerto"
- Trigonometric ratio
- Poet Edgar
- Probability
- Accompany
- Kitchen implement
- Citizen of an ancient civilization
- Observe
- Dutch product
- Without excess
- Story
- London lingerie label

- Name on the marquee
- Floor covering
- Dreadful
- Scorch
- Actor Martin
- Millions of years
- Play hockey
- Greeting
- Sahara haven
- Fruit
- Information
- \_\_\_\_\_ *Down Dirty Shame*, 1994 movie
- \_\_\_\_\_ *jure*; by the law itself
- Scratch
- People of Honduras
- Improper (prefix)

Puzzle by Jeff Richmond

Groundcover Vendor Code

While Groundcover News is a nonprofit organization and newspaper vendors are considered contracted self-employers, we still have expectations of how vendors should conduct themselves while selling and representing the paper.

The following list is our Vendor Code of Conduct, which every vendor reads and signs before receiving a badge and papers. We request that if you discover a vendor violating any tenets of the Code, please contact us and provide as many details as possible. Our paper and our vendors should be positively impacting our County.

All vendors must agree to the following code of conduct:

- Groundcover News will be distributed for a voluntary donation of \$1. I agree not to ask for more than a dollar or solicit donations by any other means.
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er News vendors, especially vendors who have been suspended or terminated.

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- I understand that my badge is property of Groundcover News and will not deface it. I will present my badge when purchasing the papers.
- I agree to stay off private property when selling Groundcover News.
- I understand to refrain from selling on public buses, federal property or stores unless there is permission from the owner.
- I agree to stay at least one block away from another vendor. I will also abide by the Vendor corner policy.

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## TEDxYouth: Ann Arbor's Inaugural Forum for Youth Perspectives

by Francesca Lupia  
Groundcover Greenhills Contributor

As I entered Skyline High School's cavernous auditorium on the morning of March 22, I expected to hear a lot about robots. The intricate language of technological innovation and computerized ciphers seemed inherent in the motto of the 2014 TEDxYouth@AnnArbor conference: "Decode, Decrypt, Decipher." Intrigued by the lecture series' much-touted mixture of brevity and creativity, I arrived at the eight-hour event curious but convinced that much of the "decoding" discussed there would be accessible only to the scientifically trained mind.

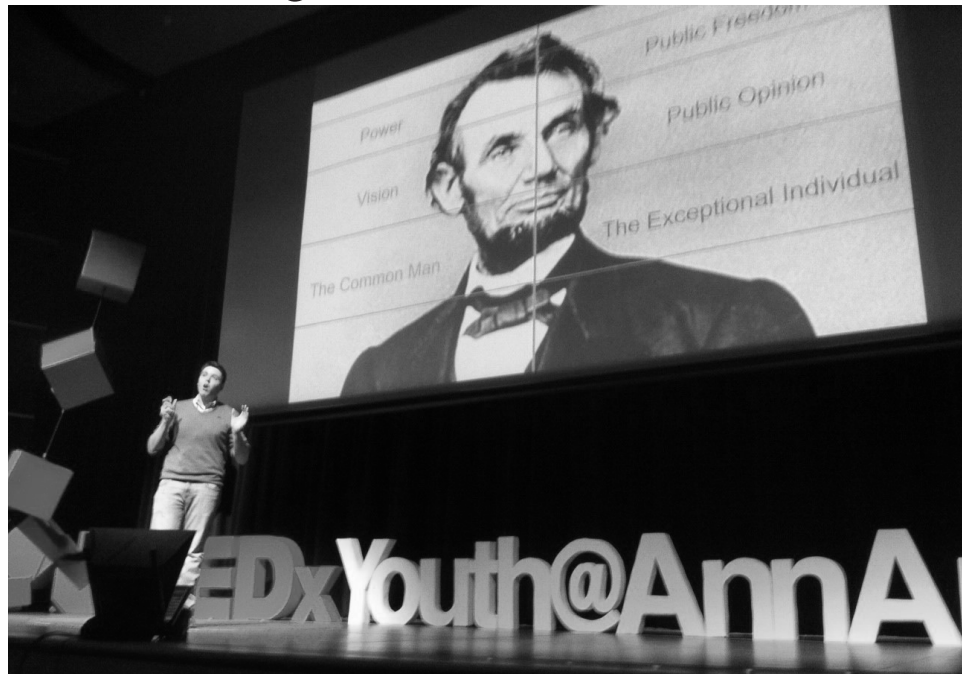
In fact, the deciphering that unfolded on the Skyline stage was societal rather than scientific. The event's 23 high school speakers each took three to 18 minutes to address such diverse topics as urban renewal in Detroit (the topic of Greenhills senior Tristan Lopus' opening speech) and the therapeutic power of art. Although the ideas put forth were complex, the speeches, in Lopus' words, could be understood by "an audience that is almost universal."

The Skyline event, which featured four themed sessions (Innovation, Philosophy, Introspection and Interaction, and Society) and was streamed on an online feed, was one of hundreds inspired by the annual TED (Technology, Entertainment, and Design) conference.

Founded in 1984, TED conferences (sponsored by the nonprofit Sapling Foundation) feature innovative lectures that strive to share "ideas worth spreading" in a user-friendly format. The talks have flourished in the internet age, with over 30,000 talks from worldwide TED conferences (and TEDx events, which are independently organized) available online.

TEDxYouth@AnnArbor, which student organizers hope to make into an annual event, was the product of diverse and devoted student leadership. The Skyline High School Student Action Senate (SAS) and Skyline teacher Cheryl Duvall led the event's development process. Pioneer seniors Evie VanDeWege and Mackenzie O'Connor hosted the event, and audience members enjoyed musical entertainment from by the Huron High School a cappella singers.

The speeches varied dramatically in content and connotation. In his lecture "President Ted: What Makes a Great American President," Pioneer senior Josh Lash wove savvy and sharp sparkling humor into a refreshing examination of the American chief executive.



Pioneer senior Josh Lash correlates characteristics like height with those elected president of the United States.

"America has never had a perfect president," explained Lash, "so we're going to create one."

Adorning a projected image of the hypothetical "President Ted" with time-tested attributes – from a Harvard diploma to military medals – linked to presidential popularity, Lash commanded the stage with campaign-trail confidence. Most well-loved presidents, he explained, have shared certain characteristics, from a liberal policy record to masculinity (although, as he noted to cheers from the audience, "we're long overdue for an awesome female president"). Lash's examination of the "exceptional everyman" in the Oval Office had a tone of playful satire, but it revealed deep-seated political dilemmas. "Why have we most loved those presidents who look like us?" Lash inquired. "Why should we place our trust in a candidate based on these attributes?" The search for a perfect president, Lash concluded, will always be a fruitless one; his examination of the biases of American voters, from the aesthetic to the policy-based, though, offered plenty of food for thought.

Other speeches struck a more sobering tone by bringing critical social issues into the spotlight. Pioneer senior Aaliyah Jihad, whose speech was entitled "Cultural Appropriation: Why Your Pocahontas Costume Was Not Okay," dissected flashy photographs of "edgy" pop icons (think Miley Cyrus and Lady Gaga) to reveal the racial prejudice inherent in their fame. Cultural appropriation, explained the poised but passionate Jihad, "involves popularizing elements of a minority culture in an ignorant and dehumanizing way."

For example, the transformation of the traditional Native American war

illustrated her points with a series of photographs, showcasing celebrities from Lady Gaga (clad in a see-through burqa) to Miley Cyrus (surrounded by black female backup dancers and spewing quotes about "what it means to be black"). "White artists use the trends popular among minority groups as a device to be 'edgy' and gain street cred, while members of minority groups are criticized for showing their heritage. It's easy for Lady Gaga to fetishize Muslim women by declaring the burqa 'sexy,' but her actions demean the modesty that burqa-wearing women strive to protect," declared Jihad. "When Miley Cyrus uses black people as tools to validate her own edginess, she sends a message that minorities can only play the role of accessories."

The use of well-recognized visual icons to illustrate a pervasive societal problem made Jihad's speech a truly resonant one; indeed, its discussion of the intersection of race and pop culture should probably be required viewing for every young American.

Perhaps most significantly, Aaliyah Jihad ended her address with a thought-provoking challenge: to move, in our own lives, from cultural appropriation

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Punctuated with occasional gasps and sighs from the audience, Jihad's lecture



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## Vendor Interview Series: meet James “Joe” Woods, Vendor #103

by Amelia Brown  
U-M Student Contributor

Like many of the vendors who currently work for Groundcover, James Woods (or Joe, as we all know him) brings a unique personality to the organization. As I adjust the video camera and read over my interview questions, Joe flicks through texts and missed calls on his cell phone, always busy and always social. Joe has been with Groundcover for nearly three years and has become one of the strong foundations of the organization. His penchant for light-hearted jokes and lively gestures fills both the office and his selling spots with energy; when you meet Joe, you will know it.

Joe's personal style is one of the factors that make him such a successful vendor for Groundcover. In his words, “I just go out there and do my thing.” He mainly sells the \$10 special edition papers, which is a risky move because they are more expensive, but Joe seems to have no problem racking up sales. When I inquired about his tendency to only sell the more pricey papers, Joe explains:

“I have been in sales since age 18. There are certain things I have been trained to do, so a \$10 paper is nothing. Other vendors may think, ‘\$10 for a paper! Oh no, that’s too much,’ but not me. That’s just not my mentality.”

This statement in itself reveals quite a bit about Joe. He is hardworking, driven, and always up for a challenge.

Many new ideas for Groundcover come from Joe, and he is working tirelessly to make them a reality. One of his more recent concepts is a \$20 paper, a sort of “special” special edition, if you will. Joe says, “If I can get a paper for \$100, I’ll sell it.” In addition to brewing up new business ventures, Joe is involved with Groundcover in myriad ways. He has been through the Groundcover Money Management program, has received a certificate from the University of Michigan to teach HIV/AIDS Awareness through Groundcover, and also acts as a mentor for new vendors. Mentorship is key for Joe, as he views the success of Groundcover as dependent on each vendor.

“I’m trying to get to where everybody in Groundcover is making money. So, I’m doing little things to try and help other vendors with their sales pitch,” he says. “Sometimes I have them shadow me and see what I’m doing, or I’ll shadow them and critique them... at the end of the day, the bottom line is numbers. If everybody is selling papers, everybody is making money, and



One of Joe's favorite selling spots is outside Cherry Republic at Liberty and Main. everybody is happy.”

Joe certainly has a wealth of knowledge to share with new vendors in terms of his sales tactics, which I have seen firsthand. Before my personal involvement with Groundcover, Joe was a familiar face to me, as his presence on the corner of Main and Liberty reaches outwards across the street and is hard to miss. As Joe says:

“I like messing with people. And they like it, too, because you never know what type of day a person is having. You never know if a woman just got into it with her husband, or if the baby just got sent to the hospital, or somebody recently passed away. If a person doesn’t buy a paper, I’ll still say ‘Have a great day!’ or ‘God bless!’ and that might turn that person’s day around.”

Joe’s approach to selling papers for

## Commissioners extend Warming Center through April!

by Elizabeth S. Kurtz, aka “Lit”

The 21<sup>st</sup> century has ushered in some of the snowiest seasons in Ann Arbor history. As if history hadn’t already been made by March, recording an overall season total of 90.3 inches, yet another snowfall greeted us on Tax Day to exceed that record. However, thanks to the efforts of the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners, dozens of individuals from the Delonis Warming Center were promised to have a roof over their heads on April 15, 2014 and at least two weeks beyond.

When approached by a delegation from the Delonis Warming Center about the inhumaneness of human beings having to sleep outdoors during *any* season of the year, the Commissioners went into overdrive and spent nearly one-and-a-half hours in deliberation following their public meeting on April 2 before

Groundcover is friendly, professional, and perceptive. One of his main mottos is that you can never take the “no’s” personally. “You have to brush it off,” he insists. “Give them a ‘Have a good one’ and just keep going.”

Brushing off the “no’s” is extremely important, as they frequently occur. Part of this is due to the fast-paced lifestyle of our society, and part of this is because in the five or six seconds that it takes for a person to walk by a vendor, there is not much time to convey what the organization is all about. If given the time, this is what Joe told me he would want each passerby to know about Groundcover:

“What it stands for. It’s not just a paper. A lot of people know Groundcover as ‘the homeless paper,’ and I’m trying to get it to where it’s not ‘the homeless paper,’ it’s a paper helping people who

deciding in a 6-2 vote to give the Delonis Center of Ann Arbor the additional \$35,000 needed to extend the Warming Center an additional three weeks.

When approaching the Board of Commissioners, Ray Gholston, one of the members from the Warming Center delegation, denounced the practices in the county allowing human beings to sleep outdoors “when even cats and dogs are treated more humanely” in society. As a member of the working class poor, Gholston told the Board that he should have the right to have a roof over his head and not have to sleep outdoors while trying to locate an affordable apartment on a minimum wage job. Without the Warming Center, Gholston said, he might have to quit the job where he has worked for several months.

want to help themselves. Most of the people who sell Groundcover are not homeless. We have places that we live, and we have bills to pay. And this paper is paying those bills for me and other vendors out there. I don’t get a check a month, but this is my income. So I take it seriously. This is my business.”

Another topic we touched on was the personal aspect of selling papers out on the street. Like every basic human interaction, vendors are often judged based on appearance, as that is the information that comes across in the time it takes to walk by. Because of the nature of the job, vendors are put in a position of vulnerability and necessary sociability that not many jobs require. An averted gaze can feel like a personal insult. And though Joe is adept at not taking the “no’s” personally, that is a challenge that many vendors must overcome. Joe and I discussed this facet of being a Groundcover vendor, and although he is tough and seems to shake everything off, he does admit to having feelings on the matter.

“I know they think all kinds of crazy stuff about me. A lot of people see my outer appearance, and I’m pretty sure I get people who judge me by the way I dress, but if they stopped and got to talk to me they would see it’s more than just my hat flipped to the back, or what I might wear that day. I want people to know I am like a Transformer; there is more to me than meets the eye.”

*Joe sells on Liberty and Main in front of Cherry Republic, and on Liberty and Washington in front of the Bank of America. You can find him weekdays, between noon and six o’clock.*

The Board of Commissioners not only worked to extend the Warming Center this season, but showed a renewed interest in finding solutions to bring homelessness to an end in Washtenaw County. With any luck, this year will not only be remembered for record snowfalls, but for record-breaking discussions paving the way to end homelessness for good.



“It’s time to leave the static of the head for the ecstatic of the heart. The more we expand our hearts, the less we will need to shrink our heads.”

-- Swami Beyondananda



## Rare butterfly frequents Michigan

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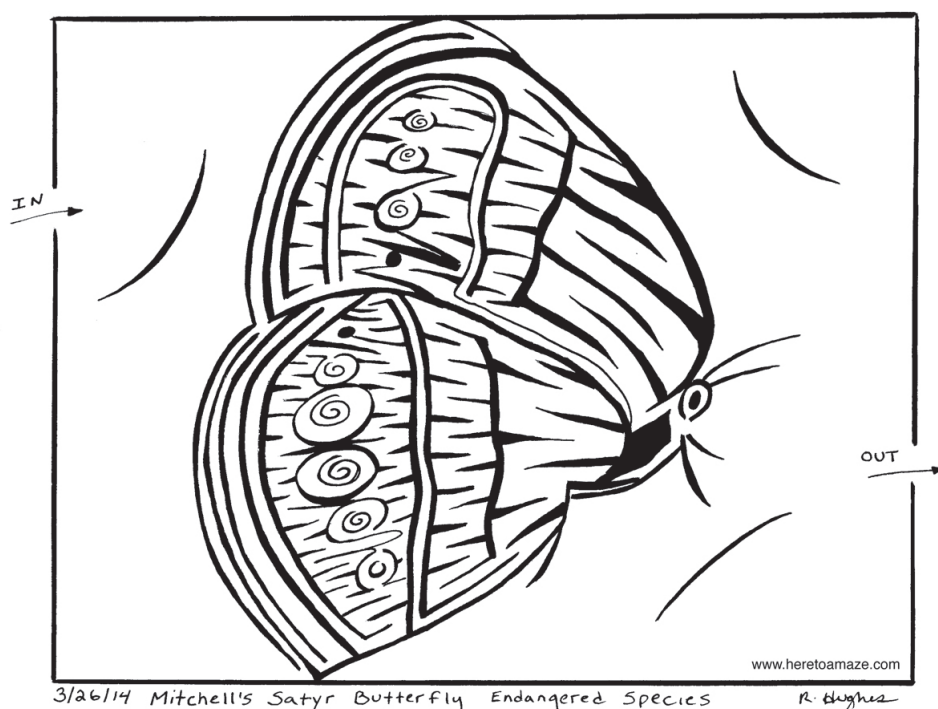
parts of Wisconsin, New Jersey, and Ohio, and also locations no longer suitable in Michigan and Indiana. Recent populations discovered in Virginia, Mississippi and Alabama await DNA testing to see if they are truly Mitchell's Satyr Butterflies, or another sub-species that looks very much like the Mitchell's Satyr Butterfly.

In the western portion of Washtenaw County, there are fens that may support the Mitchell's Satyr Butterfly. Many of them are privately owned. One pub-

lic space in which you might find the Mitchell's Satyr Butterfly is Park Lyndon County Park. This park is located one mile east of M-52 on North Territorial Road. Here you will find over 500 species of plants and animals spread over fens, marshes, bogs, ponds, forest and prairie. Because there is a fen here, the Mitchell's Satyr Butterfly might be present, too. However, it is not listed as habitat for this creature. All the known sites for this butterfly are privately owned with access only granted to research personnel.

### Can you solve the Mitchell's Satyr Butterfly maze?

The Mitchell's Satyr Butterfly may be found in Washtenaw County



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## Cryptoquote Solution

"Would you mind paying a little more for a McDonald's hamburger if you felt that you were then helping to promote the human potential around us and not discard it?"

- Paul Saginaw

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## TEDx: Ann Arbor

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tion to cultural exchange. Those who practice cultural appropriation often act under the assumption that they are merely "honoring" or "appreciating" aspects of other cultures. Rather, Jihad argued, we must strive to "listen carefully to the perspectives of people of other cultures, learning about their traditions in an accurate and respectful way." Jihad's relevant, eloquent discussion led the audience (including the author) to question their own biases and ponder ways to appreciate diversity with sensitivity in their own lives.

Although Lash and Jihad's speeches, among many others, captured and inspired audience attention with their relevance and passion, a few persistent pitfalls plagued some speakers. While a few speeches seemed at times to be overly technical, a more common mishap was overgeneralization. After pitching concepts to the organizational committee at December auditions, TEDx speakers were assigned time frames for their presentations. Although some speakers, including Tristan Lopus, found the time constraint to be "valuable" in helping them develop concise arguments, other speeches suffered from lack of elaboration.

Conversely, Lopus noticed, the universal appeal of the TED talk model put pressure on speakers to push their speeches toward the theoretical. While working with a "peer liaison" to develop his speech, Lopus decided to expand his Detroit-focused talk to a more general model for urban revitalization. When he gave this revised speech, though, the Farmington

resident realized that the talk had lost its localized passion. The most successful talks, he noted, were those that held specialized meaning but inspired large-scale thought among their audiences.

This relatable, evocative individuality brought the conference's true innovation to light. By "decoding" human interaction in their speeches, Ann Arbor's youth shared their own insights and experiences while allowing the audience to draw personal inspiration. It's the task, after all, of every reader, every observer, and every human to draw meaning from the experiences and voices of those around us, and TEDx-Youth@AnnArbor filled my notebook and my mind with rumination about my values and prejudices. The ideas expressed on the Skyline stage were certainly "worth spreading," but the empathy and engagement inspired by youth voices is a phenomenon perhaps even more fascinating to witness.

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Rice and Bean Salad



by Lisa Sonnenburg  
Groundcover Contributor

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- 1 can of black beans (14 oz)
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 tsp oil
- 1 ½ cups salsa
- ½ tsp chili powder
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 4 cups lettuce, chopped
- 4 green onions, chopped
- 2 cups tortilla chips or two tortillas, chopped and toasted
- Optional toppings: guacamole, sour cream, salsa

1. Cook rice according to package directions.
  2. While rice is cooking, sauté onions in oil in large skillet or frying pan for 3 minutes or until onions are translucent.
  3. Add salsa, chili powder, oregano, salt and pepper, and bell peppers, and cook for another 5 minutes.
  4. Add beans and cook until heated through.
  5. Add cooked rice and stir all ingredients thoroughly.
  6. Place 1 ½ cups of mixture in bowls. Top with 1 cup each chopped lettuce, green onion, and ½ cup tor-tilla chips or toasted tortilla pieces.
  7. Top with your favorite toppings.
- Serves four. Extra rice and bean mixture can be stored for later use as tortilla filling, or on its own.



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It's comfortable and it makes me very happy to be on it. What else could it possibly be for?

I dunno, but I'm gonna look underneath....



What's going on here, you dastardly towel? I turn my back for a moment and you snatch my girl?!? You can't go around eating my babies like that!

Hey, I'm OK; it's just me playing under here.



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